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Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point's minor hockey players were busy getting in shape for the coming season at last week's conditioning camp, where instructor Dennell Anderson (red vest) put them through some strenuous routines aimed at building up their strength, agility and speed after a long summer off the ice.

Keep municipal reserve - neighbours

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Residents living next to two parcels of municipal reserve land in Elk Point's west subdivision made it very clear at a public hearing prior to last week's town council meeting that they do not want the status of that property changed to narrow walkways and residential lots.

In addition to a written submission which outlined a concern that the change would reduce the value of their property and reduce the small number of green areas in Elk Point and pointed out that the area is heavily used by foot traffic coming from the mobile home subdivision and 54A Street, 54 Street residents Ron and Diane Fraess came to council to defend their position in person.

A second written submission regarding the proposed change expressed "extreme disappointment" on behalf of homeowners who were "assured when we bought the property that it would never be sold, but would be left as a green zone."

That sentiment was echoed by 54A Street resident Bill Chomlak, who added, "I don't feel like losing my privacy," and noted that he has maintained the grass on the green space for the past eight years, at no cost to the town.

"Why are we doing this?" Ron Fraess questioned. "The only reason the town got approval for the subdivision to the west was because of these lots."

He pointed out that because of heavy drifting in that area, any pathway left through the area would have to be at least 16 to 20 feet wide to allow for snow removal. "How would you keep that open?" he asked. He also noted that this would leave "a very small 45-foot lot. I don't think the town should be doing this or changing the designation."

Fraess said that the regulations regarding land use state that money from the sale of municipal reserve land can be used only for parks or recreation areas, "replacing what you already have here."

In addition to advertising the public hearing regarding the proposed changes in the local paper, the town also sent letters advising landowners abutting the properties in question. However, Fraess took council and the town's administration to task because the intention to change the designation was not posted on or near the properties. "It states in the act that you have to post it. If you're going to do this, you should make sure people know about it. Most people would not know what the legal description referred to."

Chomlak had one suggestion regarding the 54A Street

parcel, and said if it were split in three, with the walkway in the centre, he would be willing to purchase the piece adjoining his property.

Deputy Mayor Bernice Capjack, who chaired the Oct. 14 meeting, thanked the landowners for bringing their concerns to council's attention.

The proposed removal of reserve designation to allow for disposition of the parcels came up early on council's regular meeting agenda. Town manager Myron Goyan said he had been told an official at the municipal planning department that it was unnecessary to post the property, but council agreed that they needed clarification on the act's requirements before any further action is taken.

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Businesses urged to decorate for Extravaganza

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has a new addition to their Christmas Extravaganza lineup. Businesses will be asked to decorate the exterior of their premises before the Nov. 28 Extravaganza, and will vie for a challenge trophy which may be displayed in the winning business until Extravaganza 2009. Judging will take

place Nov. 27, with the trophy presented Nov. 28.

The chamber scratched the possibility of renting a large tent to house Extravaganza entertainment off their list at last week's meeting when the cost of rental and installation was found to be more than \$3,000, plus the cost of heaters. They will now focus on getting their outdoor stage and its heating system ready for the event.

President Sandy Smith also has some irons in the fire regarding entertainment, and will report further when bookings are confirmed.

Use of existing facilities was discussed, but it was felt that holding the entertainment in the Elks Hall, if it were available, and offering public skating in the arena, would take people out of the downtown area.

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Businesses to decorate

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Creating a small outdoor rink by the tourist booth was seen as an option.

The fireworks have been ordered and Doug Bassett will find a parade marshal. The photographer for the pictures with Santa has been confirmed, and the Jack and Jill Playschool parents have agreed to set up some outdoor children's games for the evening.

Elk Point Golf and Country Club's postponed quad raffle draw will also be made that evening.

EcoCentre

Grant approval has been received and the agreement signed, but the chamber still doesn't have their final artist's rendering and blueprints for the EcoCentre. The town's fire hall project is scheduled to start between April 15 and May 1, 2009, and the chamber hopes to have their project, with the same project manager, underway about the same time. Fundraising will get underway as soon as a revised artist's rendering is available.

Town planning

Town council's planning session is complete, and "we found a lot of strengths in our council. Now we just have to put them to work," Couns. Dick Millar and Dwayne Yaremkevich told the chamber. Millar added that council had identified five goals, from security and signage to infrastructure and capitalizing on the community's best features, and have outlined strategies and resources to be used to reach those goals.

Proclamation

National Block Parent Week

WHEREAS: The week of October 19 to 25, 2008 has been designated in Canada as National Block Parent Week, and in recognition thereof, communities across Canada are actively participating in the event; and

WHEREAS: Block Parents provide assistance to all citizens, especially children who find themselves in an emergency or threatening situation, while away from their homes; and

WHEREAS: The success of the Block Parent Program depends on people working together in families, neighbourhoods, businesses and community groups to build safer communities and to strengthen the

crime prevention partnership with local law enforcement agencies; and
WHEREAS: It is expedient that the Black Parent Program continues to every street, avenue and crescent in our town;
THEREFORE, I, Parrish Tung, Mayor of the Town of Elk Point, do hereby proclaim October 19 through October 25, 2008 as

NATIONAL BLOCK PARENT WEEK

And encourage all citizens to become more familiar with this outstanding community crime-prevention program.

Parrish Tung
Mayor

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008

Keep municipal reserve

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Lot rezoning

The rezoning of a parcel along Railway Ave. was approved, with Bylaw 665/08 given second and third readings.

Development permit refused

An application by Winalta Homes for a development permit has been refused, because the proposed location is not a serviced lot. Council agreed that they do want Winalta to locate more homes in town, and agreed to invite them to a meeting to discuss location options.

Board appointment

Council ratified the appointment of Elaine Ziomek to the FCSS Board. She will replace Lorne Young, who has resigned from the board.

Weeks proclaimed

Requests to proclaim National Block Parent Week and Foster Family Awareness Week, both for the week of Oct. 19 to 25, were approved.

Conferences

The Northern Alberta Development Council will be holding their Challenge North 2009 conference in Cold Lake next April, and council agreed to send as many council members as wish to attend.

Goyan and Coun. Millar were delegated to attend the Alberta Emergency Management Conference in Leduc, Oct. 29 and 30.

Barricades

Public access to a lane in the area east of Highway 41, currently cut off by barricades, is to be open by Oct. 31.

FCSS funding

An increase in provincial funding for the FCSS Department requires the town to increase their funding to the department, and council agreed to the increase.

Sound decision

Goyan was asked to look into prices for a portable sound system appropriate for outdoor events such as the Remembrance Day cenotaph program.

Fire hall site

Soil sampling of the area proposed for Elk Point's new fire hall will take place in early November, before the exact site can be determined.

CRIME STOPPERS

Culprits sought in window smashing, suspicious fires

BY REVIEW STAFF

Elk Point RCMP Detachment is looking for the public's assistance in finding the persons responsible for a smashed window in Elk Point and two residential fires at Frog Lake. Sometime between 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. on Sept. 6, unknown person(s) smashed a front window at the Empress Family Restaurant.

Over the past couple of months, Elk Point RCMP have been investigating two suspicious residential fires on Frog Lake First Nations, which completely destroyed the houses, leaving the occupants homeless.

Anyone with information about either of the above crimes is asked to contact the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those persons responsible for these or any other crimes. Your identity will not be known or revealed.



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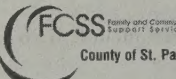
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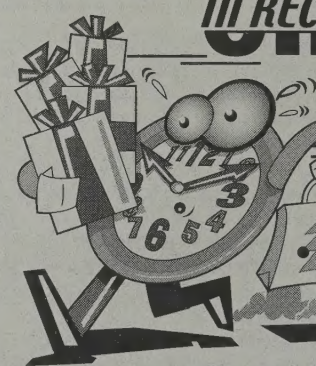
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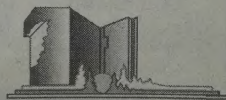


Ask a SCHOOL TRUSTEE

What is a School Council?

School Councils, formerly known as Parent Advisory Councils, are a vehicle for parents to be involved in public education in an advisory capacity. As a School Board, we need parent input to guide us in our decision-making. By becoming a member of your child's School Council, you are having a say in decisions that affect the school and the division as a whole. Meetings are usually once a month and are attended by the School Council executive, the school principal, teacher representatives, school trustees and other parents who have an interest in their child's school. If you would like to become involved in your School Council, contact the council chair or the school's principal. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

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Storseth garners over 70 per cent of the vote in Westlock-St. Paul

BY STAFF WRITERS

Although local MP Brian Storseth won by a hefty margin in Tuesday's federal election - becoming one of 143 elected conservatives leading our country through a minority government - other candidates in the Westlock-St. Paul riding were in for a tough battle to see who would grab the remaining votes not directed toward the blue party.

Storseth took home over 27,300 votes, which is over 72 per cent of the total votes cast throughout the riding. And after a few days rest spent with his family, Storseth says he would be ready to get back to work for a second term in parliament.

"It's been a very humbling experience," said Storseth Tuesday night as he took phone calls, did interviews, and watched the election results trickle in from his campaign headquarters in St. Paul. He described the past 37 days as "a big job interview."

Although there was a shorter time period to campaign, Storseth says he was able to knock on more doors and talk to more people this time around, thanks in large part to additional volunteer support.

Storseth says he hopes to "stay in touch" and listen to the concerns coming from his constituents. He adds that he believes being "tough on crime," along with managing a strong, and balanced economy with a "balanced environment" are issues high on his priority list.

Only one per cent separated NDP candidate Della Drury and Liberal candidate Leila Houle in last night's

race at the polls. As the last votes were counted, Drury was recorded with 10.1 per cent of the votes while Houle had received 9.1 per cent.

NDP

"I'm happy ... It's definitely a good start," said Drury from the Edmonton New Democrat Party headquarters. "It always takes a lot of hard work ... to get the message out."

During the campaign, Drury says she heard a lot about agriculture, crime and the environment.

"I was really happy to hear about environment," she says, adding, she understands that although statistics show a decrease in some crime, Canada really does have to focus on crime.

Across the nation, Drury was very happy to see how her party fared Tuesday night.

"I hear that we're doing alright," she said from the hallway at the NDP headquarters, adding, she had heard a lot of clapping and cheering. This year, she says, was one of the "most impressive slates" of NDP candidates up for election.

Liberal

Nearly every polling station saw Storseth bring in more votes than any of the other four candidates, although Houle did manage to take home the most votes at the Cork Hall polling station, which was reserved for Saddle Lake First Nations residents. Houle also garnered more votes than Storseth at the Cold Lake First Nations polling station, although less than 100 people cast ballots at the station.

Houle said this election has whetted her appetite and

she'll be back on the ballot next election despite coming up short this time.

"I've learned so much and I certainly know now why we are called the grits," Houle said Tuesday night from Smoky Lake.

She was surprised to see how tight the race between herself and New Democrat Della Drury was. When the final votes were tallied, shortly after 10:30 p.m., the NDP earned 3,808 while Houle had to settle for third spot with 3,416.

Houle said the national picture has changed little since Stephen Harper called the election five weeks ago.

"As a country, we're almost in the exact same place we were a few weeks ago and what has this election cost Canadian taxpayers?"

Houle had also hoped a young slate of candidates on the ballot would have a positive impact on voter turnout. Initial numbers indicate 52 per cent of a possible 72,177 registered voters cast a ballot in Westlock-St. Paul.

"We are all young candidates and I thought that would spark some interest."

Houle extended her congratulations to Storseth and said she had learned much

on the campaign trail about politics, the communities in the riding and about herself.

"I am proud of the campaign I ran. As a former pageant contestant, the first thing we learn is how to lose gracefully. I would like to congratulate Mr. Storseth on his win."

Green Party

It was a disappointing performance for the Green Party, which had hoped to gain some ground nationally. Westlock-St. Paul candidate Aden Murphy had set his sights on 10 per cent of the vote in the riding but came up short with 6.7 per cent of the votes, which translates to 2,522 votes.

The defeat of party leader Elizabeth May was also a disappointment for Murphy.

"I'm very sad about that," Murphy said Tuesday night. "We improved over last time but it's not as big an improvement as we were hoping for nationally."

One of the biggest challenges facing his campaign was the sheer size of the constituency, Murphy said. He believes better resources, specifically more money, more organization and more volunteers, would have gone a long way to getting the Green Party message to voters in the

large riding.

"I'd say we didn't run as big a campaign as I would have liked. A surprising number of people are open to the Green Party message but the biggest challenge is getting the message out there."

Murphy worries that Albertans' focus on the short-term is setting the province - and the rest of the country - up for some "stormy waters ahead" in terms of the environment. He said the party pushed ahead with some "unpopular" policies during the campaign such as a carbon tax, but he said voters are not ready to suffer short-term pain for long-term benefit.

"That is the disadvantage of being a party that is putting forward a platform of new ideas and big

changes. The Conservatives don't have the long-term vision. We are the only party that has the guts to say we have to do this even if it hurts, even it's not popular and, obviously, not electable."

CHP

Christian Heritage Party candidate Sip Hofstede managed to grab 510 votes from across the constituency, which represents about 1.4 per cent of the total votes cast.

At the end of the day, it was the conservatives who elected the most members to parliament and it is the conservatives that will be leading Canada at least until the next election rolls around.

"We're going to continue to work hard and address the concerns of the people in this area," said Storseth.

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EDITORIAL

Passing on the vote

By ALEX BUCK

F. G. Miller High School

The general election has finished, but the true votes cast were not from voters at the polls, but the estimated 40.9 per cent of voters who didn't cast their votes. This year's election sets a new record as being the lowest voter turnout in Canadian history, with an estimated 59.1 per cent of registered voters casting a vote.

With uncertain economic times ahead, a war overseas, global warming and a now looming recession, there was no short list of issues that directly affect Canadian voters. Why, then, the record-setting lows which seem to be becoming a trend? The election with the record low previous to 2008 was the 2004 election that saw Paul Martin to power.

Canadian voters are caught in a trap, constantly feeling that their vote is unimportant and uncouneted.

As Remembrance Day approaches, we remember the lives that have been sacrificed in order to maintain our right to vote, and to see it reduced in the eyes of the public to nothing more than a waste of paper displays a failure of our electoral system. Apathy among voters and particularly my generation of youth voters seems to be becoming a common trend.

There is no one solution to resolving this problem and reconnecting Canadian trust in the electoral system, but the importance of our right to vote cannot be underestimated. It's the responsibility of the last generation to teach their children to vote and to set a good example by voting themselves.

Positive changes can't occur in our country if 40.9 per cent of us refuse to voice their complaints.

WAY BACK WHEN..

Beavers, Scouts

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 21 IN...

1988

The Town of Elk Point's losing battle with creek-clogging beavers was fought with a 1,300-gallon-per-hour pump to lift water out of Hook Lake, near Armistice, and a crew working from daylight to dusk to keep the over-ambitious rodents from stemming the flow. A fourth hat was thrown into the federal election ring as Deborah Grey became the Reform Party's candidate in the race.

1993

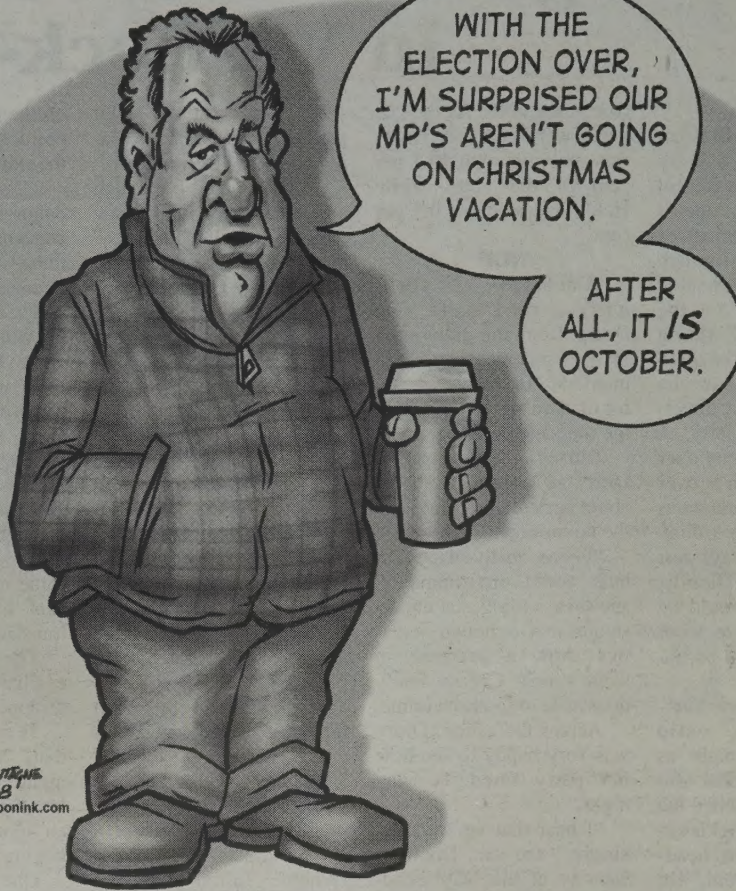
A public hearing was scheduled by town council into requests to rezone several C1 commercial properties to R2 residential, to allow the owners of homes on those lots to renovate or enlarge their dwellings, which was not permitted under the C1 zoning. New Scout leaders Grant Nixon, Jerome Keichinger and Tim Zarowny were invested by District Commissioner Roxanne Ringuette as another year of Scouting got underway.

1998

Mayor Ed Buck and County of St. Paul councillors Allen Young, Ray Danyluk, Frank Sloan and Walter Kaprowski were back in their seats after the general elections in town and county. Graduation was another exciting chapter in the lives of F. G. Miller's Class of 1998, with Paul Erickson as their valedictorian at commencement ceremonies in the Elks Hall.

2003

Elk Point Town Council's updated traffic bylaw brought with it increases in fines for violators, with one clause pertaining to illegally parked vehicles, which council felt often created potentially dangerous situations. Ken White of ATCO Electric visited the chamber of commerce meeting to demystify deregulation for the members.



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Coast to coast

The week of October 19 to 25, 2008 is National Block Parent Week. There is a good reason to recognize this week and celebrate.

The Block Parent Program of Canada has reached a major milestone of protecting communities across Canada for 40 years. This could not have been accomplished without the dedication and commitment of its volunteers working closely with police and educators.

While the look of the window sign has evolved over the years to incorporate additional security features, the easily recognized red and white logo still remains a symbol of safety and security to those in need. The mission and mandate of the Block Parent Program has also remained constant - to provide immediate assistance through a safety network and to offer supportive community education programs.

The Program continues to address not only the needs of children but teens, adults, and seniors as well. Security checks are conducted on any member of a family over the age of 12 who displays a Block Parent window sign as well as any employee working at a small business that displays a Business Block Parent decal.

During National Block Parent Week we are encouraging everyone to become a Block Parent and help us to continue to protect communities coast to coast. Once the screening

and approval process has been successfully completed, the Block Parent is instructed to display their window sign whenever they are available to assist in an emergency situation.

For more information on how you can become involved in this major effort to make Canadian communities safer for everyone, please visit the National Block Parent website at www.blockparent.ca 40 Years Protecting Communities Coast to Coast.

deanna
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from the FCSS desk



In our community of Elk Point, if you wish to become a Block Parent, call Deanna at the Elk Point FCSS office at 780-724-3800. The program in Elk Point has been operating since 1999 and

we are appreciative of all our Block Parents.

In giving service, Block Parents are given the following guidelines in helping children:

If a child reports fighting or harassing, offer refuge but do not intervene in any other way. Call the police if the situation continues.

If a child is lost, and the parents/guardians cannot be contacted, call the Police.

You are encouraged to be on the alert for children in difficulty during severe weather conditions.

If a child has been molested or frightened by a stranger or has witnessed an incident of indecent exposure, immediately call the police and keep the child with you. Do not question the child at length.

You are not required to administer first aid

Do not transport children in your own car. Call the police if the parents cannot be reached.

Do not offer children food or beverage

You are not required to admit anyone into your home if you think it will endanger you or your family. Merely offer to call for assistance on their behalf.

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Reeve at large facts

A letter has recently been delivered to all County residents, which was supposed to identify all the relevant facts about electing your Reeve at large as opposed to the Council annually appointing a Reeve from within the ranks of Council.

Both the front-page article in last week's paper and the letter circulated to County residents are very long on opinion and very short on actual facts. I would like to focus this letter on those missing facts.

Let's start with the actual legislation.

Section 150 of the Municipal Government Act sub-sections (1)(a) state that "The elected official of a city or town is to be elected by a vote of the electors of the municipality unless Council passes a bylaw

requiring Council to appoint the chief elected official from among the councilors."

(This means cities and towns are legislated to elect their mayor at large unless they pass a bylaw to appoint one from within the ranks of Council):

In Alberta there are 16 Cities, all of whom elect their mayor at large. There are 109 towns of which 104 elect their mayors at large and 5 have passed a bylaw to appoint their mayor from within the ranks of Council.

Section 150 of the Municipal Government Act, sub-section (2) states; "The chief elected official of a village, summer village or municipal district, (such as the County of St. Paul) is to be appointed by Council from among the councilors unless they pass a bylaw providing that the official is to be elected by a vote of the electors of the municipality"

This is the opposite to cities and towns, in that villages, summer villages and municipal districts are legislated to appoint their chief elected official from within the ranks of council unless they pass a bylaw to elect that official at large:

In Alberta there are 64 rural municipal districts/counties. Fifty-one municipal districts/counties appoint their Reeve annually from within the ranks of Council as the County of St. Paul does, and 13 municipal districts/counties have bylaws that allow them to elect their Reeve at large. There are 99 villages in Alberta with 84 appointing their Mayor from within Council, and 15 choosing to elect their mayor at large. Apparently all 51 Summer Villages appoint their mayor annually from within their respective councils.

There are 5 specialized municipalities in the Province and 4 elect their Reeve at large and 1 appoints their Reeve from Council.

In summary there are 344 municipalities in Alberta, 192 annually appoint the mayor/reeve by Council from within the ranks of Council, and 152 elect their mayor/reeve at large.

Other facts:

If the community decides to elect their reeve at large, boundaries of the wards or divisions will have to be changed. The County of St. Paul will have to go to either six wards/divisions or eight wards/divisions. There would be one Councilor elected from each division/ward, (as we do now), plus there would be an elected Reeve. This means that one division would have two elected officials originating from that division.

An elected mayor or reeve has a three-year term, the same as a Councilor. A mayor/reeve appointed by Council has a 1-year term.

This letter is in no way intended to voice an opinion on the issue either way. This decision must be made by the ratepayers as they see fit. However they cannot make this important community decision without knowing all the facts. I would also like to add that I obtained all this information through a Ministry of Municipal Affairs publically listed information line and their website.

This decision will affect the governance of your community. Take the time to be informed. Ask objective sources for information, and how this decision will affect you. You have a right to know before you sign a petition.

Kim Heyman, CAO
County of St. Paul No. 19

Lost is found

Local paddling enthusiast Pat Johnson has reported that his missing kayak has been found. He was walking along the riverbank near Fort George and Buckingham House and discovered the watercraft pulled up on the bank about one kilometer upstream from the point where it had been beached when it disappeared.

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YOUR VIEWS

Setting waste record even straighter

For months now, concerned County residents have been trying to get straight answers from the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission and I am happy that they are now sharing the "facts."

In a letter written to *The Journal* in the Sept. 9 issue, Mr. Bergheim said he had hoped that a long-term vision for the community as a whole would prevail. What exactly is Evergreen's vision? Does it include bringing in even more commercial waste from as far away as Lloydminster? And what about Lac La Biche: if not in that vision, why would you do a presentation there?

This Commission was originally established to meet the needs of its founding members: County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake, Elk Point, Vilna, and Waskatenau, period. Residents are not opposed to reclassification per se. We understand and appreciate the need for it. What we are opposed to is Evergreen using this opportunity to increase the volumes of waste it is accepting from outside its boundaries.

As for Alberta Environment, Evergreen has much more confidence in their legislation that I do, based on my experience to date. When I discovered that the drivers of a commercial waste disposal company had

keys to the landfill and were hauling in loads after hours, at their leisure, unsupervised, I filed a complaint.

I was informed that there really wasn't anything wrong, as there were no provisions in the Act preventing Evergreen from handing out keys!

Legislation is not a substitute for good judgment or common sense. Everything hauled into that landfill is staying there for generations. What ever happened to the precautionary principle of less is better and erring on the side of caution? I am sure it was a very competent and capable bunch of engineers, water quality specialists and geologists from the department that set the "stringent" standards for the unholy mess that is the tailing ponds at Fort McMurray.

Contrary to Mr. Bergheim's statement, I made no claims about environmental wrongdoing. The facts presented were taken right out of Evergreen's application to Alberta Environment and readers were left to draw their own conclusions. Our concerns go beyond environment.

Mr. Bergheim again presents an economic justification for their doing what they are doing, claiming it will offset the need for future mill rate increases. Without any evidence to support it, this is still an opinion, not fact.

Where is the problem? In 2007, Evergreen reported a deficit of \$90,755. With approximately 17,150 people residing within the Commission, that works out to only \$5.30/person. That warrants bringing in waste from Bonnyville, Cold Lake, and Glendon?

If finances are such a concern, why did Evergreen apply for Ministerial approval to distribute surplus funds (I assume this being the hundreds of thousands of dollar capital contribution made by the Beaver River Waste Management Services Commission) rather than allocating them to a reserve account in anticipation of future expenses?

Forgive me for allowing my frustration to show, for becoming a bit cynical and for asking so many questions, but we are working with what we have been given and that is not very much. Without a sincere, open and honest discussion of the issues at hand, this "rhetoric" as Mr. Bergheim

call is, can only continue.

And of the many issues (fair process, environment, good government, etc.) perhaps the one that disturbs me most is that this entire Commission is still unable to see anything wrong with any of this.

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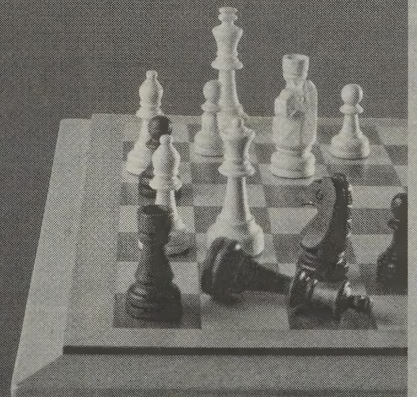
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YOUR VIEWS

Keep municipal reserves intact

On Tuesday, October 14, 2008 I attended a hearing at the Elk Point Council Chambers. The council wants to remove the Municipal Reserve designation on lot 1 MR located at 5130-54 St. and lot 2 MR located at 5201-54A St. in Elk Point.

Four councilors and the administer sat at the table and I asked them three times why they were doing this and who was it for? I did not get an answer to this question. There is no record in the minutes of anyone asking for the change. This in itself is not surprising as much of the town's business is done in secret.

The Municipal Government Act, Division 9, section 671(2) states a Municipal Reserve can only be used for a public park or a public recreation area. These two MRs have been parks for 28 years. The M G A section 675(3) states the money from the sale of a MR can only be used for a public park or a public recreation area. They want to sell a municipal reserve to get money to buy a municipal reserve?

All the walkways west of these two parks channel the pedestrians through the parks. About 200 people use these two parks to get to the elementary school, the high school, the hockey arena, and the downtown area. None were notified that the parks would close. None received a mail out and the parks were not posted. Their only notice was a ad in this paper, if they get the paper and understand where the parks are. One person has the whole council and the administer trying to change the two parks, who it is or what its for is a secret.

A neighbor has parked a large RV trailer and a boat in one park for over five months, no action from the council or the bylaw officer. Perhaps he has been paying rent.

When the whole council is looking after the interests of one person, should council not appoint at least one councilor to look after the interests of the other 1500 plus citizens?

Ron Fraess
Elk Point

Servus Credit Union staff were cooking for cause on Credit Union Day, Oct. 16. In keeping with one of the cornerstones of credit unions, community support and involvement, the Elk Point branch held a fundraiser in memory of F. G. Miller student Katja Brand, supporting Katja's Kritters, which will provide stuffed animals for children served by St. Paul and District Victim Services. From left to right are branch manager Rod Randall, Jennifer Dallaire and Lorrie O'Reilly.

Vicki Brooker photo



County CAO resigns

BY JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

County of St. Paul CAO Kim Heyman has officially resigned and will be taking on a new position as the director of Advocacy and Communication with the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

Heyman, who has been working with the County since May of 2002, read her letter of resignation out loud at council's last regular meeting on Oct. 14.

"I've been blessed to work with a remarkable staff," said Heyman. She explained that during her

time at the County, council has had to deal with some tough issues, but she believes council has dealt with them both "openly and honestly."

She added that she would look forward to working with the County in a new capacity. Council then passed a motion to accept the resignation.

"It is certainly with deep regret" that council approves the motion, said Reeve Robert Bouchard. "But I support you."

As of Nov. 7, a new set of names will be designated as acting interim CAO and acting interim assistant

CAO.

Tim Mahdiuk will step up from his current position as assistant CAO and become the acting CAO of the County. Executive Secretary Phyllis Corbiere will move up as assistant CAO. Davies Park will also be hired to assist with the recruitment of a permanent CAO.

"There isn't a big list of available CAOs," said Coun. Cliff Martin.

"It's been a huge pleasure to work here," said Heyman, following council's discussions. "I think the council has been for the most part good to work for."

As for a reason for her resignation, Heyman says the AAMDC made her "a very attractive offer," adding, her new position will give her the "opportunity to do something I really love to do." She describes her new position as "a change and a challenge."

Heyman admits that it will be sad to leave her current position.

"It's going to be really hard to leave (the staff)," she says. Heyman will not only be leaving her position as CAO, but she will also be leaving the community to take on her new job in Edmonton.

Subdivision moves forward

BY JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

On Oct. 17, at a continuation of the County of St. Paul's regular council meeting that took place on Oct. 14, a number of bids were placed on lots at a proposed subdivision in Mallaig, and thanks to the bids, the community will indeed receive the new subdivision.

A tender opening was held at 1 p.m. last Friday in council chambers. It had previously been decided that ten lots would have to be presold in order for the subdivision to go ahead.

Potential buyers filled seats in coun-

cil chambers last week, and although only nine lots were successfully sold during the first round of tender openings, council carried a motion to proceed with the subdivision.

One additional lot was also sold during a second round of tender openings, bringing the total number sold up to ten on Friday. As of Monday morning, Reeve Robert Bouchard was expecting at least three more people to stop by the county office to purchase lots.

"It's very obvious that it's the community that made (the subdivision) happen," said Bouchard following the

first round of tenders.

Twenty-eight lots were made available for sale, and the remaining properties will now be offered for sale on a first-come-first-serve basis. Following the second round of tender openings, Council made a motion to approve a preliminary budget for the subdivision development.

The preliminary budget, which is "going to be spent over a period of four years," is tagged at \$1.6 million. This includes everything from pavement to sidewalks to utilities, says Bouchard.

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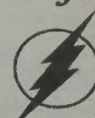


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Elk Point
REVIEW

Forts planning 2009 events

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With another successful season completed, the staff and Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House are ready to embark on plans for next year's special events.

Program coordinator Ross Stromberg said the final 2008 event, the Forts des Prairies Jamboree "went well", with 27 or 28 performers. There were a lot of interesting and fascinating people there."

Now, Stromberg says, he's "looking forward to planning next year's big event in May," and will also be trying out a new videoconferencing program through the schools.

"We'll be trying one out with students in Elk Point and another school playing the Trappers and Traders Game in November. A lot of the bigger historic sites are moving in that direction with their outreach programs for schools."

Not only the schools, but also the sites, have the potential to get together on teleconferencing programs, Stromberg said. The four fur trade sites - Historic Dunvegan, Father Lacombe Chapel, Victoria Settlement and the Forts - "have a much bigger story" together than as separate entities, he noted.

"It broadens the story," facilities manager Marianne Mack added, "I see a lot of opportunities. We can tell connected stories and unique stories that are much bigger and more powerful. I hope we're going that way."

Mack also announced the 2008 event days for Fort George and Buckingham House. The Riverland Adventure Challenge, with new aspects provided by combining it with the Fur Factor Challenge, is set for Saturday, May 30. The Saskatoon Festival will go July 18, and the Forts des Prairies Jamboree will take place Aug. 30.

Work is already underway to spread the word about the Saskatoon Festival to potential craft show vendors, with Friends members volunteering to hand out flyers about the event to booth holders at this fall's craft shows.

Mack said that new event signage may lead people to the site's special events in 2009, with eight-foot banners on easy-to-move and place standards. Defective windows at the site are also due for replacement in the near future, and the patio roof is slated for construction in the spring.

The Friends will hold their next meeting on Dec. 4.



Elk Point Municipal Library's new after-school crafts program got off to a promising start last Wednesday, when a good crowd of youngsters turned up to decorate coffee cans with colourful paper, stickers and artwork (above) and to hear some great new Halloween stories read by librarian Daphne Schnurer (right). The next crafts session at the library is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the library.

Vicki Brooker photos



County council allocates remaining MSI funding

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A number local community groups will receive financial support from the County of St. Paul through MSI funding that remains from this year's budget.

On Oct. 17, council carried a motion to approve \$20,000 be directed to the St. Paul Legion, as per a request received by council at its Oct. 14 regular meeting.

The Legion is planning to spend \$170,000 to repair its parking lot and create a park. Council heard that \$125,000 was already committed to the project by the Legion itself, but it was looking to find additional funding to help offset the remaining \$50,000.

Also due to a request made on Tuesday, the St. Paul football club will receive \$50,000 for its new clubhouse. Claude Vachon spoke to council on Oct. 14, explaining the St. Paul Regional Lions Quarterback Club's plan to build a 48' by 84' clubhouse.

The project is estimated to cost \$250,000.

"I'm here to be realistic," said Vachon to council. He did not ask council for a specific amount of money, but mentioned that \$50,000 would be great. The club hopes to have the facility complete by next spring.

"I support this program and I think it's great," said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Reeve Robert Bouchard later added, "As you know, the County has always been supportive of the program."

Another group receiving funds will be the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society. The society will receive \$30,000 to help push the building of the Arts and Leisure Centre further along.

An additional \$100,000 will be set into a reserve

account for a new seven-bay Elk Point Fire Hall. A final cost is not available for the project, but it is not expected to exceed \$1.4 million.

Council will also set aside \$50,000 for consultants to help organize its tangible capital assets, as per new guidelines, and a consultant will also be hired to help coordinate an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, which is also required.

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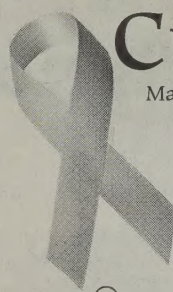
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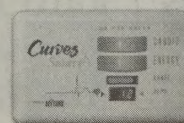
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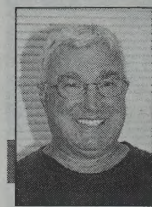
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**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

dear old dad, yours truly. Still need a little practice, but I haven't crashed the boards yet, and that's a good thing. I don't want to put any scratches or dents in the nice blue and white machine. Hey, I wonder how it ended up with that great color scheme. All it needs now is a Maple Leaf to top it off. The ice may be a little bumping for a while, but I have to admit it's a lot of fun driving. Maybe I should apply at Rexall Place or better still the ACC.

Friday night we will be hosting the Zamboni appreciation night for all the contributors who made our purchase a reality. And also coming up this weekend, don't forget to sign up for the referee clinic. It's a great way to earn some extra cash and we can really use the help out there on the ice. Last year some games were postponed due to the lack of on ice officials.

This has to be the absolute best time of year for any sports fan, turn on the TV any night right now and you can watch, hockey, football and the best of baseball. Of course you have heard the old saying, "It's not over, till it's over." Well, the Boston Red Sox proved that one. The Rays will always remember the one that got away from

them in game five when they were up by seven runs in the seventh. Almost cost them the series.

The Oilers are looking great to start off this season, especially beating the Flames in back to back games, got to love it. What a slap shot Sheldon Souray has, eh? It takes lots of guts to stand in front of that howitzer. Hope he's not going to be injury prone this year, though.

The Leafs, hey, they need a little work putting the puck in the net, but I like the effort they are putting out, and I'm just waiting to see if Mats will come back sometime in December. That would be a nice Christmas present under the tree.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week." Who's your skating coach? Nancy Kerrigan? Stay on over. The Ice Follies come tomorrow and you can earn an honest living." Last week's answer to: "It's a hockey town that's good to get out of. There's always that twinge of fear when you're going in there; you're moving into the danger zone."

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Football season ends with Bengals loss

By MIKE POMERLEAU
Review Contributor

The 2008 St. Paul football season ended a bit earlier than most had anticipated, but it is what it is. The St. Paul Bengals put the finishing touches on their early exit from post-season contention as they fell to the Wainwright Commandos in the opening round of the

Wheatland Bantam Football League playoffs 30-16.

"It's a tough loss, playoffs and trying to win the championship, it just didn't work out," said Bengals coach John Lumby.

This game was more the Stephen White show as the Commandos quarterback put on an offensive display, rushing for two touchdowns and throwing two touchdown passes. He also rushed for over 150 yards on the day. His trademark play, a bootleg run to the right side of the field, averaged close to 20 yards and the Bengals didn't have an answer for it.

"It seemed in the first half we almost had them like many times and then we're just taking the wrong angles," said Lumby. "And then in the second half we tried to correct that but it

didn't seem like we were getting him quite as much."

Early on the Bengals were the aggressor and came out fired up. They opened the scoring when White threw an interception to half-back Dale Johnson and he ran the ball back for the opening score to make it 7-0.

Then in the second quarter, White went to work. First he and the Commandos offense took advantage of some great field position at the Bengals 33 and with 4:42 left, he'd hit Robert Steel in the end zone for a touchdown, a two point convert made it 8-7. Then on their next possession, White took ball from his own 22, bootlegged it to the left, dodged some tackles and ran it all the way to the house for the score. Another two point convert made it 16-7.

Early in the third quarter, the Bengals made it close again as tailback Dale Krankowsky took the ball from his 33, dodged a few tackles and ran it all the way to the Commandos one yard line. Three plays later, quarterback Justin Anderson called his own number and ran ball in on a QB sweep, the convert made it 16-14.

Before halftime, the Commandos would again score as they took possession at midfield and marched downfield. White would cap it with a one yard TD run. The convert missed and it was 22-14 at halftime.

In the third, the lead grew to two two-point converted touchdowns as White hit Steel again on a pass and dodged some tackles to score another major. Another two point convert made it 30-14.

In the fourth quarter, the Bengals tried to rally the comeback. They'd march the ball upfield all the way to the Commandos' nine but on third down, Krankowsky, now in at quarterback, threw the ball to Brandyn Delisle-Villard who bobbled the ball. It fell incomplete and the Bengals would turn the ball over on downs. The Bengals forced a safety with 44 seconds left to make it 30-16, but it wasn't meant to be and the Commandos went on to win the game.

County MSI

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"There is a huge amount of work," explains CAO Kim Heyman of the tangible assets, adding, "It has to be in place," and it has to be done right. She explained that if assets aren't properly accounted for then the County could have an unqualified audit.

Every culvert has to be counted, and every road has to be valued, along with all other assets being accounted for. Council agreed to hire a consultant group to ensure the work was done properly, primarily because Heyman will have resigned her position as of Nov. 7.

A consultant will also be hired to do an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

"I don't think there's an alternative," said Heyman.

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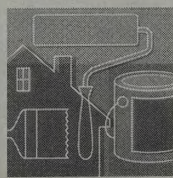
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Mallaig subdivision moves forward

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Even if the County sells all 28 lots, there could still be a shortfall. But, Bouchard says he sees this subdivision like any other development and isn't worried about the County not recovering all its costs. He explained that some items were double budgeted, such as the moving of dirt, which is also covered in the public works budget.

"I think it's great for the community," said Bouchard of the subdivision.

Environment, SRD, and Municipal Affairs

Representatives from Alberta Environment, Sustainable Resource Development and Municipal Affairs took time to sit down with County council and discuss the county's responsibilities in regards to environmental reserves and public lands.

CAO Kim Heyman explained that the County has run into issues regarding infringement on municipal reserves and public lands, and said that she was "not totally clear in my own mind," about the county's

responsibilities and boundaries.

"The legislation isn't always as clear to us, as it might be," she said.

Nash Kara of Alberta Environment explained that he oversees issues that deal with "any water management activity," adding, "All naturally permanent water bodies are owned by the crown."

It was noted that all subdivisions close to lakes must have an environmental reserve, but people are discriminatingly going onto the ER and disturbing it, creating a "Hawaiian beach" where there isn't one, said Kara.

Wally Peters, with SRD, explained that he oversees the bed and shore of the lakes in the area.

"In this day and age, our bed and shore is moving," he said. Peters uses natural vegetation to determine where exactly the bed and shore is, and added that the ER moves with the bed and shore.

"Is there not an easy way to figure this out?" asked Heyman.

"There's no easy way... without learning all the legislation," said Kara, adding, no one can do that. But, he did recommend looking at subdivision plans for clarification.

Heyman also questioned the Municipal Affairs representative about having a bylaw in regards to people disturbing public lands and ER. It was then mentioned that the County of Strathcona has already created such a bylaw, and that the County of St. Paul should look at it.

Easement

A lot owner at Lac Sante

approached council about the amount of Environmental Reserve Easement on the lot he is in the midst of purchasing at Lac Sante.

Grant Burton explained that over 30 per cent of his lot is made up of ERE, something he was not aware of prior to making an offer on the property. A well on the lot is also on the ERE, which means Burton cannot use the well as planned.

Burton asked council to change the ERE boundaries.

"It certainly would be precedent setting," said Bouchard. But, "maybe it does only affect one or two

lots."

Council tabled the issue until next meeting when more information is available.

Rodeo supper

Due to a request made by one local organization for the funds that would be raised at the County's annual rodeo supper in 2009, a policy was drawn up regarding where the funds should be allocated each year.

Council agreed that the funds should be given to different organizations each year and that groups can only apply for the funds once every three years. Groups must apply for the funds between Jan. 1 and July 1 of the same year the rodeo supper takes place.

Therefore, a request made by the Ashmont Moms and Tots will be not

accepted, as per policy.

Parks

It was reported that each of the County-operated parks did very well this past summer season. Most exceeded their projected revenue budgets. Almost \$20,000 was raised in additional revenue.

Letters to the editor

Council passed a motion to ratify a letter to the editor that appeared in last week's St. Paul Journal "to clarify so many misconceptions" about the reeve at large issue, according to Heyman.

Council meeting

Next month's regular council meeting will take place on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. since the usual date would fall on Remembrance Day.

OBITUARY

BABCOCK, Murray Evan

On October 8, 2008, Mr. Murray Evan Babcock of Elk Point passed away suddenly at the age of 46 years.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Cory Scott; his loving parents, Donna & Larry Babcock; 1 brother & 2 sisters, Leigh (Debbie), Sandra Gaylord (Wyatt Kohls) & Carol Babcock (Randall Krys); mother-in-law & father-in-law, Jim & Roberta Penz; 2 brothers-in-law, Steven (Lucille) Penz & Scott (Sue) Penz; sister-in-law, Jana (Mike) Parenteau; also numerous nieces & nephews.

A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethel Family Worship Centre, St. Paul. Reverend Duane Grant officiated with interment in Elk Point West Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to the Cory Babcock Trust Fund c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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OBITUARY

BEZPALKO, Mary L.

On October 10, 2008, Mrs. Mary L. Bezpalko of Elk Point passed away at the age of 92 years.

She is survived by 2 sons & 1 daughter, Paul (Mary) Bezpalko of Elk Point, Orest (Olive) Bezpalko of Kingston, Ontario & Ethel (Glen) Tacey of Strathmore; son-in-law, Marshall Malachowski of Ardrossan; 9 grandchildren, Douglas (Lisa), Bob (Laurette), Leona (Leo), Tom (Carolyn), Patricia (John), Laura (Dan), Lana, Cheryl (Chris) & Mark; 9 great-grandchildren, Corry, Jerin, Shalene, Shelby, Michael, William, Jesse, Braiden & Jonathan; sister, Katie Chanasyk of Clondonald; 2 sisters-in-law, Sophie Kitt of Manville & Susan Kitt of Myrnam; numerous nieces, nephews & other relatives. She was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd in 1993; daughter, Marlene Malachowski in 1997; parents, Paul & Ksenia Kitt; 3 brothers, Mike, Nick & Billy; 2 sisters, Annie Melnyk & Olga Fundytus.

A Prayer Service was held Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Divine Liturgy & Funeral Service was held Thursday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northern Valley. Reverend Father Mark Bayrock was the celebrant with interment in the church cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to Elk Point Palliative Care c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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Parrish Tung
Mayor

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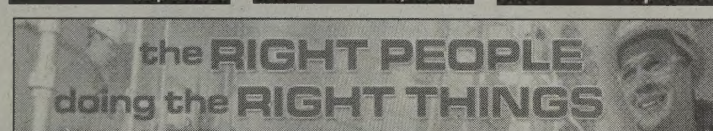
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With the win, the Commandos will now move on to the WBFL Championship and will face the Lloydminster Chargers in that game.

The Bengals will now look ahead to 2009. They cannot qualify for provincials because of the Wainwright win and so will start the off-season earlier than they planned. But looking back on this year, Lumby said it was one to remember for the Bengals. It was a successful season according to Lumby, it was a fun season and the future looks bright for this group of boys.

"All in all, it's another winning season for us. We went 5-2 and I thought we had a great group of guys here and they played their hearts out. We made a lot of noise in this league again this year."

First court appearance for woman charged with murder

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Judith Lynn

Babcock made her first court appearance at St. Paul Provincial Court last Thursday where lawyers agreed she would undergo a psychiatric assessment to determine if she is fit to stand trial.

"There's a lot at stake here," said Judge Demetrick.

After standing the matter down, it was later determined that Babcock's case would be brought back to court on Dec. 11 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

On Oct. 8 at about 2 p.m. Elk Point RCMP responded to a 911 call of a reported shooting 2 km north of Elk Point. Murray Evan Babcock was found deceased at the home.

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Season over as Lions fall to T-birds

By MIKE POMERLEAU
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Lions 2008 season is officially over, and it's earlier than they and anyone probably expected it to be.

The Lions took on the Westlock Thunderbirds in the opening round of the 2008 Wheatland Football League playoffs and were upset by the T-birds 15-8s. The loss means that Westlock will now move on and face the Lloydminster Barons in the second while the Grand Centre Royals will take on the Holy Rosary Raiders in the other matchup.

And because Grand Centre is the only Tier III team remaining in the Wheatland Football League playoffs, they automatically clinch the provincial berth for Tier III, meaning that the Lions are on the outside looking in for the first time in five years.

"It was just a tough game today," said Lions co-coach Todd Tanasichuk. "When you look back you say how did it happen. Offensively we were moving the ball, defensively they didn't really put up much for points but we made critical errors today."

Those critical errors that Tanasichuk is talking about are the ones that will always negate points in football. Every time the Lions had a chance to score, the drives stalled because of a penalty or a turnover. The Lions in the past three games have averaged at least five turnovers a game and this game was no different as the Lions turned the ball over six times in the game.

"We've been lucky all year and this kind of puts it in perspective," said Lions co-coach Mark Tichkowsky. "I

know we've had some luck and today we didn't have it and a penalty here and there kills a drive and then you have to go to more high risk plays and they capitalized and had a couple picks on them."

For three and a half quarters, this game featured a soccer score as both sides were playing pretty strong defensively with Westlock scoring a single point off a punt and led 1-0 for most of the game.

The Lions got their first and only major of the day with 6:23 to play in the third quarter as they marched the ball downfield and quarterback Bobby Brousseau capped it with a bootleg run to the right side to make it 7-1.

But then the wheels started to fall off for the Lions. It all began late in the third when punter Neil VanRensberg bobbled a snap and had to scramble to get the punt off. He only got 11 yards on it and the T-birds would get great field position out of it on the Lions 28.

Then with 10:20 to go in the fourth quarter, they'd capitalize on the short field and tie the game on a TD run from the Lions two yard line, the convert gave Westlock an 8-7 lead. The Lions would tie the game again though with 6:22 left on a missed field goal attempt as the ball bounced out of bounds in the T-birds end zone to make it 8-8.

Then with two minutes to play in the fourth, they'd receive another gift as the Lions were threatening to score again and got to the T-birds 11, but Brousseau would throw an interception and the T-birds would run the ball back to their 50 yard line, ending the threat.

Then a minute later, they'd get to the 19 yard line and on third down, they'd attempt a punt and try to get the

ball to bounce out of the end zone for Canadian Rouge. The ball however would land into the hands of Brousseau, who'd try to run it out and negate the single point. The T-birds would tackle him and get the single point with a minute left to make it 9-8.

The Lions would take the ball from their own 25 yard line afterwards and try to march the ball upfield, but two plays later, Brousseau threw another interception and this time, the T-birds would run the ball back for a score, they'd miss the convert but the major was the dagger play and it gave the T-birds a 15-8 win.

So with the loss, the Lions are now relegated to the consolation round but instead the Lions have chosen to pack it in for this season and to start preparing for the 2009 season. For all the grade 12 players, it was the goodbye they weren't expecting but now they will have to pack in their high school football career early. And for everyone that's returning for the 2009 season, it makes for a long off-season, one where everyone will have this loss fresh in their minds.

But it's not all negative. The Lions were virtually a rookie team this season that finished first in their division, third overall in the league and sixth overall among Tier III schools in the province. So despite the loss, the future is very much bright for this young squad.

"Hopefully the boys are hungry after a loss like this early in the season," said Tichkowsky. "But really the difference is going to be made up in the weight room. And getting out to camps and things like that."



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